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## Office Action Summary

**Application No.**

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**Applicant(s)**

SAUCIER ET AL.

**Examiner**

Yves Dalencourt

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02/25/2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

### **DETAILED ACTION**

This office action is responsive to communication filed on 02/25/02.

#### ***Specification***

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: It is suggested to delete " our " (page 5, line 24 before the relevant one) and insert – out --.

Appropriate correction is required.

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1 – 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Robertson et al (US 20040098391; hereinafter Robertson).

Regarding claim 1, Robertson teaches a multi faceted portal site that allows connection over a distributed electronic network. More importantly, Robertson teaches the use of a portal site that tracks the movement of users through the portal site in order to learn about the design preferences and design approaches of users (see page 3, paragraph [0021]). In particular, Robertson teaches the claimed "at least one intranet

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target IP catalog stored on an electronic virtual components information intranet IP management portal, having a predefined infrastructure and containing electronic virtual components descriptions through XML meta data" as a plurality of end users connect over the intranet to the portal site, wherein the portal site accesses information from other sites or the remote database through secure XML tunnels (see fig. 1; paragraphs [0043], [0046], [0050], and [0012]). Robertson teaches the use of a context server to store user profile data, which may be used for portal personalization as well as meta data derived from analysis of the metrics data (paragraph 0049)). Robertson teaches the claimed "an external import portal hosting a buffer catalog having an infrastructure compatible with the target intranet catalog infrastructure and containing electronic virtual components descriptions through XML meta data that can be uploaded on line by electronic virtual components suppliers" as a portal site which provides an open infrastructure capable of accommodating a growing number of users and suppliers (paragraphs [0122], [0113], [0081], [0074], [0038], [0039], and "transferring the electronic virtual components XML meta data from the buffer catalog to the target catalog" as a means of transmitting from the portal site the IP cores type to the user (paragraphs [0045], [0081], [0044]).

Regarding claim 2, Robertson teaches the system of claim 1, wherein a corporate standard format required by a target corporation to be published in the corresponding intranet target catalog is defined as XML Documentation Type Definition (paragraph [0058]).

Regarding claim 3, Robertson teaches the system of claim 2, wherein a buffer catalog is created in the import portal for each target corporation, each buffer catalog being compatible with the corresponding intranet target catalog (paragraphs [0045], [0057], [0081]).

Regarding claim 4, Robertson teaches the system of claim 1, wherein a catalog is defined by a catalog taxonomy, a set of library formats, each format being defined by a XML Documentation Type Definition, XML meta data associated with the electronic virtual components and wherein buffer and intranet target catalogs are compatible if their infrastructures are identical or can be derived one from the other by permissible modification (paragraphs [0091]).

Regarding claim 5, Robertson teaches the system of claim 1, wherein the import portal hosts multi target buffer catalogs and triggers the transfer of XML meta data to the target catalog data base (see fig. 1; paragraphs [0066], [0064], [0045], [0034]).

### ***Conclusion***

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Claudio Zizzo (US 2002/0188910) discloses a method and system for chip design using remotely located resources.


### **Contact Information**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yves Dalencourt whose telephone number is (571) 272-3998. The examiner can normally be reached on M-TH 7:30AM - 6: 00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on (571) 272-4001. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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